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## To all:

Hope everyone is well. Denise and I wanted to provide you with an update of our previous phase 1 sampling activity and our plans for this phase 2 sampling event.

### Phase 1:

- **As of today, the sub-slabs are not in yet- But indications are some are high, which is something we expected. None of these results are QA/QC yet. We may change some of our sampling strategy based on finalized data.**
- Preliminary indoor and ambient indicate that the printing shop has some elevated levels thus far. Denise referred this to PRASA and EQB for general problems. Eric Wilson will contact our regional programs to see if we can coordinate with the local agencies too.
- The Headstart doesn't have any indoor air issues, except for some unexplained chloroform- which I will do a chemical inventory during our 3/19/12 visit of the area.
- The Colegio Mafalda appears to be ok as far the indoor air and ambient.
- We are still waiting for more results this week- thus far no verbal reports of indoor and ambient air issues for 5 out of 6 (print shop was the exception) sampling points. Again, we are waiting for sub-slab results which we anticipate some hits.
- Out of 37 residential/school/commercial building that we identified for phase 2 sampling, we got 30 access agreements signed during this trip.
- No community panic or concerns were noted during this trip.

### Phase 2:

- Denise Zeno and I will return to Cabo Rojo to complete phase 2 sub-slab, indoor, and ambient air sampling.
- Brenda Reyes will assist with fact sheets and community questions from 3/19 through 3/21/12 in Cabo Rojo.
- We will be sampling residential, commercial and schools(Esc. Sup.Ines Maria Mendoza, Colegio San Austin, and Escolar Pedro Fidel Colberg), totally 30 buildings.
- ERT will have two teams to complete this event by 3/22/12.
- Not sure if there will be a phase 3 or if we'll have community concerns, or

- anyone upset because they were not included in the sampling.
- A public information session is being planned for April with ATSDR and EPA.

**Additionally issue:**

One of the abandon dry cleaners was purchased by a doctor, who now has a 35 drum of an unknown that she needs to address. Mark Pane wants me to do a PJ with Dr. Asencio, which I will continue to do so and cc you. I was wondering if you guys have a list of contractors that work in PR. Mark wants us to make sure we don't include our contractors because of the appearance of endorsement. If so, could you provide with this list.

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